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SUBJECT: GENSCHER AIDE ON FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR POWER
AGREEMENT

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1. KLAUS KINKEL, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S
ASSISTANT, TODAY TOLD THE POLITICAL
COUNSELOR THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT FELT FULLY COMMIT-
TED TO THE NUCLEAR POWER AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL.

2. COMMENTING ON PRESS SPECULATION THAT THE INCOMING
AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WOULD TAKE A FIRM LINE AGAINST
EXPORTS OF ATOMIC TECHNOLOGY AND WOULD, THEREFORE,
OBJECT TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE FRG-BRAZIL ATOMIC
ENERGY SUPPLY AGREEMENT, KINKEL SAID THAT HE BELIEVED
THIS COULD BECOME A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN US-GERMAN
RELATIONS IF IT WERE PERMITTED TO ESCALATE.

3. KINKEL SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD STORIES TO THE EFFECT
THAT THE FRENCH HAD BACKED AWAY FROM AGREEMENT
WITH PAKISTAN IN RESPONSE TO US WISHES. HE SAID THAT
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HE WAS PERSONALLY INCLINED TO DOUBT THESE REPORTS. HE

BELIEVED THAT, IF THE FRENCH HAD BACKED AWAY FROM THE PAKISTAN AGREEMENT, IT HAD BEEN FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL INTEREST UNRELATED TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES, SINCE THE FRENCH GENERALLY DID THINGS FOR THEIR OWN REASONS.

4. HOWEVER, HE OBSERVED, THESE REPORTS ILLUSTRATED THE DILEMMA WE ALL FACED: IF THE FRG WERE NOW TO BACK OUT OF THE BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT, IT WOULD BE SEEN AS A RESPONSE TO US PRESSURES AND IT WOULD DEEPLY DAMAGE THE FRG IN ALL ITS INTERNATIONAL DEALINGS.

5. KINKEL ADDED THAT THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM FOR THE GERMANS WAS THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL WAS SIGNED AND APPROVED BY BOTH COUNTRIES. UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRINCIPLE OF PACTA SUNT SERVANDA, THESE AGREEMENTS CANNOT BE BROKEN. HE NOTED THAT THE US, AT THE TIME OF THESE AGREEMENTS, HAD ACCEPTED THEM, IF NOT ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

6. AN ADDITIONAL PROBLEM, KINKEL ADDED, WAS THE POSITION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER: GENSCHER HIMSELF HAD SIGNED THOSE AGREEMENTS, HE SAID, AND THIS WOULD MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO GO TO THE BRAZILIANS WITH A REQUEST TO BE RELEASED FROM THE AGREED OBLIGATIONS.

7. KINKEL SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE FRG WOULD COOPERATE FULLY WITH US POLICY ON THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST. HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE GERMANS WOULD WISH TO CARRY OUT THE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL EVEN IF, UNDER SUCH TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS AS MIGHT LATER BE AGREED, THEY WERE NOT TO SIGN ANALAGOUS AGREEMENTS WITH ANYBODY ELSE. STOESEL

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